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Mutterings of Revolution in Germany

The tide of democracy is rising in Germany as it rose in Russia. That swelling undertone, the mutterings of millions, is heard along Unter den Linden as it was heard along the Nevsky Prospekt, and all the bureaucrats and the militarists of the German empire are fearful at the thought of revolution.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg, a master mind in internal affairs, whatever one may think of his diplomacy, is striving to calm the growing discontent. He is promising reforms, reforms and still more reforms. And yet the restless Socialists and the famous Left in the lower house of the Prussian Diet are not appeased. Their demands are the demands of the German people—protest against the junkers, against the lofty Conservatives, against all the war-makers who have waded knee-deep in their nation's blood.

Yesterday's despatches were profoundly significant. Twice now within two weeks the chancellor has taken occasion publicly to promise electoral reforms as soon as the war is over. The first instance was on the day after the Russian revolution was accomplished. At that time the rigid German censorship had prevented the German people from knowing the news, but German officialdom knew it—and trembled at the thought that the Romanoffs had fallen, the czar was imprisoned, the Duma in the ascendant, democracy ruling a vast country.

Unable to keep rumors of the overthrow of the Russian dynasty from the people, the chancellor softened the blow by a speech proclaiming intention to bring about reforms. Now again he must give promises. This means unmistakably that there is rebellion in Germany against the rule that has brought a terrible war and now the prospect of crushing defeat.

On the evening of March 15, von Bethmann-Hollweg made in the Diet this remarkable statement:

"Woe to the statesman who cannot read the signs of the times. Woe to the statesman who believes that after a catastrophe such as the world has never seen before, the scope of which contemporaries and those directly engaged in it cannot possibly measure as yet, he can start where he left off before the catastrophe."

Remarkable? Yes. This is not mere rhetoric. It was the answer to a Conservative who had told the Diet that the government must satisfy all Germany's demands in the war—to put it badly, that the government must exact from its enemies compensations of money and products on a large scale, annexed territory and guarantees for the future.

This meant, in brief, that the Conservatives were trying to stand where they stood when the war broke out.

But the chancellor has no illusions and in this speech he served notice that reforms must be given which will make the privileged class give up their privileges.

One deputy, Hoffman, has recently been expelled from the Diet because he warned the war-lords against revolution. He pointed to Russia as an example of what is likely to happen to Germany. For this plain-spoken language, he lost his seat.

The startling success of the Russian revolution has shaken the Hohenzollern structure to its depths. The National-Liberals, the Liberals and the Socialists are not to be appeased by soft words. And meanwhile the suffering of the people is shaking the hold which supreme loyalty has cemented. If the Germans once gain the idea that they have been tricked by their leaders in this war, there will be another disaster to bureaucracy.

The news from Spain is also indicative of serious unrest. Here is a neutral whose suffering is virtually as great as that of some of the belligerents.

A month ago the man that predicted a successful revolution in Russia would have been called crazy. Such a prediction about Germany and Spain would today cause less scoffing. Perhaps the war will sweep away all the European monarchies, with their outworn fetiches and strutting caste.

HELPING THEM "GO STRAIGHT."

Under High Sheriff Jarrett, territorial prison labor has proved its worth.

There are some signs that an attack may be made on the prison labor system, by those with selfish ends to serve. Of course there are businesses which would like to see prison labor knocked out and all territorial work done by contract.

But "Big Bill" Jarrett has done a real man's work with his prisoners, and he and they should be encouraged to go ahead.

Sheriff Jarrett suggests an excellent plan which the legislature should consider seriously. It is to pay prisoners who work, upon a modest scale, just enough to give them an incentive, enough to give them a start when they have served their time.

He has already accomplished a great deal in helping men "go straight." It is to the benefit of society generally that men do "go straight" when they are released from jail, and it is good economy to give them the encouragement.

OAKLAND'S MOVE.

The city of Oakland, Cal., is getting away from provincialism in its schools. As proof of this, there is under way a movement to secure a superintendent of public schools, probably an outside man, and prominent educators of the state have been asked to help make the selection. It is of interest here that one of those educators thus asked is Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills College, who recently visited in Honolulu.

Of the move, the Oakland Tribune says editorially:

"Unstinted praise is due the Oakland Board of Education for its resolution to take the election of the new superintendent of public schools completely out of politics. In order to do this effectively it has invited a number of outside educators to join with several leading Oakland citizens to select a superintendent. The outsiders are the presidents of the State university, Stanford University and Mills College.

"The aim of the school board is to engage for superintendent an educator of wide experience and proven success as an administrator of school systems. To do this it probably will be necessary to bring in an outside man. That will mean also the advantage of new enthusiasm and new ideas. Perhaps it will also be necessary to pay a larger salary than at present.

"But both these projects, the outside man and the higher salary, should, if recommended by the committee, be given the unanimous approval of the parents, taxpayers and all others interested in the welfare of Oakland schools. It is of first importance that the highest possible standard be maintained in the schools.

"The school system of Oakland is a big enterprise, involving the welfare of over 30,000 children. With the rapidly increasing population the school facilities must be increased, and at once. New schools will have to be erected and many new teachers employed. Unable to avoid this duty, Oakland can best prepare to discharge it by employing a superintendent of acknowledged ability to direct a large metropolitan school system, and the people should support the Board of Education in its policy of putting the best interests of the schools frankly above every other consideration."

FASTNESS OF WAR'S MECHANISM.

From the American Review of Reviews.

No titanic has the struggle become, in its plans for the immediate future, that all the participating nations bid fair to destroy themselves. England is trying to overthrow Germany by starving millions of women and children through the operation of a so-called "blockade" that defies the rules and principles of international law, and by restrictions upon the commerce of neutrals that are equally without color of legality. Germany, driven from the surface of the sea, has in retaliation invented a kind of submarine warfare that, if persisted in, must soon grow too serious for sneers and cavils. For a good while it was declared in England that the percentage of merchant shipping sunk by submarines was too small to make any appreciable difference in the number of ships entering and clearing from British ports and in the volume of trade. But the actual percentage of loss of British marine tonnage through submarine cruiser warfare is no measure of the effect of that method upon conditions of life in the great island kingdom. Two years of submarine ravage have been endured by the British with characteristic doggedness. Perhaps more new tonnage has been built and launched than the amount that has been destroyed. It is one thing, however, to have lived somehow through the past two years, but a very different thing to look forward to an indefinite continuance of the war, with the certainty that hundreds of merchant ships are yet to be sunk, with the possibility of a real food crisis in Great Britain not later than next year.

What have the Germans to show as an offset to the moral alienation of virtually all neutrals and the actual break with the greatest neutral of all? As the days pass, it seems more and more apparent that unrestricted submarine warfare is not meeting Berlin's expectations. The figures of ocean tonnage sunk in the prohibited zones are still far below the average that it was thought necessary to maintain, and in the last few days the U-boats appear to have weakened in their attacks on the commerce of the Entente and neutral powers.—Springfield Republican.

Pretty and vivacious young women will aid the government in securing recruits for the army and navy. Even so abstract and cold-blooded a proposition as officialism has recognized the human truth that "not ten yoke of oxen have the power to draw men like a woman's hair," so persuasive looks and more persuasive smiles will make the average young man approach eager to do his duty to his country. Even patriotism is not an unmixed virtue.—Baltimore American.

Until they call off the big league baseball seasons, we shall refuse to believe war is anywhere near.

It seems like a good while since the kaiser claimed divine providence was on his side.

Mr. Wilson isn't too proud to fight, after all.

CONCERT AT LANIAKEA TONIGHT WILL FURNISH MUSIC LOVERS RARE TREAT

The concert which Frank Moss and Edwin House will give this evening will take place at Laniakea instead of the Young Hotel as first announced. The program follows:

I—Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue... Bach
Mr. Moss

II—I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly in Our Alley... Carey
Sally in Phosphorescence... Loewe
Mr. House

III—Etudes Symphonies... Schumann
Mr. Moss

IV—Erinerung... Spicker
Vulcan's Song... Gounod
Malgre Moi... Pheiffer
Had a Horse... Korbay
Mr. House

V—Valse, C Sharp Minor... Chopin
Gavotte... Grunfeld
Golliwog's Cake Walk... Debussy
Mr. Moss

VI—Since We Parted... Alliston
To Mary... White
Love is a Bubble... Alliston
For the Green... Lohr
Two Grenadiers... Schumann

MEN FOR NAVAL RESERVE NEEDED

Eight men are needed at once to enlist in the naval coast defense reserve for active service at Pearl Harbor, according to a communication received today from Capt. George R. Clark, commandant at Pearl Harbor.

The communication follows:

Honolulu, T. H.

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Persons desiring to enroll should call at Pearl Harbor and ask for Lieut. Tilley, enrolling officer.

LETTERS

PREFERS ALTERNATE STREAM PLAN

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Our legislature had better go slow on emptying water from another stream into a public park. Aside from Judge Hatch's good reasons, not only should no further water be emptied into this public park, but when the scheme of filling in the large area mauka of Kalakaua avenue is finally decided on it should include the turning of even the stream now running through the park—eastwards, if possible. Is it not a fact that even now with every heavy freshet the portion of the park on the Diamond Head side of Maake Island overflows? The rainy season is now over, and time can be taken during the summer to further consider this matter. Let the legislature appropriate say \$20,000 for this purpose, and later decide just what to do. But do not turn the filthy water into a public park.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: I was much gratified to note that my modest criticism had drawn editorial comment in this morning's Advertiser, for while the article avoided the real issue it evidenced the fact that their position needed some bolstering.

I have a high regard for the Y. M. C. A. and its work and ideals so perhaps my criticism was not as clearly stated as it might have been. I will elucidate.

The article, "What Can We Do?" purports to offer a chance for the loyal citizen to show his patriotism by learning first-aid which will enable him to serve his country in time of need. The ulterior motive, however, is not disclosed until Mr. Citizen rings up the Y. M. C. A., when they "let the cat out of the bag" by informing him that in addition to the small and reasonable charge for the first-aid course he will have to spend at least \$5 to become a member of the Y. M. C. A. before he will be eligible for the class.

Is this direct dealing? What is the effect on Mr. Citizen when he sees the subterfuge? Does it not put a sordid cash value on service? I am inclined to think that some one "slipped one over" on the editor when they succeeded in placing this advertisement on the editorial page. Let us write its epitaph in Gray's immortal words:

"No further seek its merits to disclose nor draw its frailties from their dread abode."

Yours very truly,
R. N. CORBALEY.

Exports of cotton for the week ended March 10 were 21,160 bales.

REFORESTING IS PROGRESSING

The planting of trees on the mountains and in the valleys of Oahu by the forestry bureau, which is for its object the preservation of the water supply and also the reforesting of places which are now bare, thus resulting in the retaining of the soil on the mountain sides which otherwise would be washed into the valleys is making great strides each month as shown by the reports of C. S. Judd, superintendent of forestry. One work of the bureau is the introduction of new trees suitable to the soils and climate of this island and the forestry report just issued announces the introduction of the Australian red cedar which it is hoped will add to the beauty and productiveness of Oahu.

The report says:

"During the month approximately 2000 Australian red cedar trees, Cedrela australis, were sent out to 22 enthusiastic tree planters on the six main islands of the group. These gentlemen have agreed to plant out this newly introduced tree in suitable locations, to take good care of them and to report to this office from time to time on their growth.

The planting of koa trees in the open places on government land in Manoa valley, within the Honolulu watershed forest reserve, was continued during the month. Along the lower boundary of the reserve, on the dry hillside a few Australian red cedar and Japanese cedar trees were also planted out.

"The seed of the Benguet pine (Pinus insularis), received from the director of forestry at Manila, P. I., has germinated very well in the nursery, and several thousand trees will before long be ready for planting out in suitable places on the higher elevation on these islands. One box containing 1000 of the young seedlings was sent to Mr. A. A. Wilson, an enthusiastic tree planter at Wahiawa, who has kindly consented to try out at his elevation any new and promising trees which this division may be able to furnish."

'SORE-HEAD' IS FOUND PREVALENT

Dr. Victor A. Norgaard, territorial veterinarian, in his report to the board of commissioners of agriculture and forestry, announces that "sore-head" among chickens is becoming very prevalent and he tells what should be done if a flock is found affected with this disease.

"Whether this is due to the unusually wet weather cannot be determined now," says Dr. Norgaard, "but the fact remains that the poultry raisers who wish to protect their chickens by means of vaccination must begin now to secure the scabs from which to prepare the vaccine or else get along without this valuable preventive and treatment. In this connection it should be borne in mind that scabs or sores which have been treated with iodine, carbolic, crude oil, or any other remedy cannot be used for vaccine, nor are the scabs which form subsequent to such treatment as effective as those from untreated cases. It is therefore recommended that until a sufficient quantity of scabs have been secured only the best birds will be treated and that one or more culs be separated from the rest of the flock and allowed to develop scabs freely. A teaspoonful of scabs will provide vaccine for about 100 young birds and this amount may frequently be secured from three or four birds when they are left untreated and kept on scant-feeding. The scabs should not be picked until they come off easily and with little or no bleeding, and should then be exposed to direct sunlight until they are absolutely dry. When placed in a well corked bottle (wide-mouthed) they may be kept for years.

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but if bottled before they are dry they will mold and decompose. As only the scabs from the skin, comb and wattles should be used for vaccine the usual treatment should be applied to any lesions which may appear in either the eyes, nostrils, mouth or throat, even in case of the culs which are otherwise left untreated."

VETERANS OFFER THEIR SERVICES IF WAR COMES

At a meeting of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, two important measures were adopted—one changing the

name of the post to Frederick Funston Post No. 94 in honor of the late general under whom many of the Honolulu members served in the Philippines, and another offering their services to the United States in event of war. Both motions were made by John A. Anderson, officer of the day. A letter was also written to Mrs. Funston by C. J. Edwards, vice commander-in-chief, apprising her of the local body's action and expressing the sorrow of the post for the country's and her mutual loss.

Carlos Jaeger, Brazilian consul at Vienna, committed suicide.

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